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**Daily Prayer**  
**+ Saturday, April 4, 2020 +**

## Invocation

L: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

L: O Lord, open my lips,

**C: and my mouth will declare your praise.**

L: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**C: make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**C: Glory be to Father and to the + Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## Psalmody

*Psalm 78:52-55*

L: Then he led out his people like sheep and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

**C: He led them in safety, so that they were not afraid, but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.**

L: And he brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won.

**C: He drove out nations before them; he apportioned them for a possession and settled the tribes of Israel in their tents.**

**C: Glory be to Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## Hymn

# 547

[1] The lamb, the Lamb,  
O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes  
God will provide the Lamb of price!

*[Refrain] Worthy is the Lamb;  
whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!*

[2] The Lamb, the Lamb,  
One perfect final offering.  
The Lamb, the Lamb,  
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. *[refrain]*

[3] The Lamb, the Lamb,  
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
So still, His will  
On our behalf the Law to fill. *[refrain]*

[4] He sighs, He dies,  
He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives,  
He gives me His own righteousness. *[refrain]*

[5] He rose, He rose,  
My heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong  
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. *[refrain]*

## **Reading**

## **Mark 16:1-20**

*When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the*

tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it. After these things he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them. Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and

*they will recover.” So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.*

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Devotional Message from Pastor Thompson**

This Lenten Season our daily readings from the Passion Account of the Gospel of Mark find their conclusion and fulfillment at the empty tomb. Jesus who suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.

The resurrection of Jesus is the end result and the final outcome of the cross. Though he died; yet he lives. And why? Because he is Victor over sin and death and the power of the devil. Jesus was innocent of sin and therefore death held no power over him. The verdict was carried out; then set aside by the Father. And the Father raised his Son from the dead.

We have prepared for Holy Week by rehearsing the Passion of our Lord. His suffering was for us. His death was in our place. His blood was shed for our sins. He did all of this for us and for our salvation. And so we praise him and we put our faith in him.

And because he is King and God's beloved Son, the Father vindicated him by raising him from the dead. And this he did for us as well; guaranteeing our resurrection. As Jesus said, "*Because I live, you also will live.*" (John 14:9)

So let us enter into Holy Week again, fully prepared to watch the work of our Savior, knowing full well the outcome at the end. That though he die; yet shall he live. And because he lives; we shall never die. Amen.

### **Apostles' Creed**

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Collect**

L: Almighty God, through the resurrection of your Son you have secured peace for our troubled consciences. Grant us this peace evermore that trusting in the merit of your Son we may come at last to the perfect peace of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **Blessing**

L: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

L: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**C: Amen.**

## **Hymn**

**# 452**

- [1] O perfect life of love!  
All, all, is finished now,  
All that He left His throne above  
To do for us below.
- [2] No work is left undone  
Of all the Father willed;  
His toil, His sorrows, one by one,  
The Scriptures have fulfilled.
- [3] No pain that we can share  
But He has felt its smart;  
All forms of human grief and care  
Have pierced that tender heart.

[4] And on His thorn-crowned head  
And on His sinless soul  
Our sins in all their guilt were laid  
That He might make us whole.

[5] In perfect love He dies;  
For me He dies, for me.  
O all-atoning Sacrifice,  
I cling by faith to Thee.

[6] In ev'ry time of need,  
Before the judgment throne,  
Thy work, O Lamb of God, I'll plead,  
Thy merits, not my own.

[7] Yet work, O Lord, in me  
As Thou for me hast wrought;  
And let me love the answer be  
To grace Thy love has brought.